



**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education for St. Paul's RCSSD
#20 held in the Boardroom at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2026.**

Board Present In-person: Board Chair, D. Boyko, Vice-Chair T. Jelinski, M. Christopher, K. Day, B. Elliott, O. Fortosky, F. Possberg, M. Raney, S. Zakreski-Werbicki

Board Present Virtually: Trustee B. Elliott

Board Regrets: Trustee M. Raney

Executive In-person: Director of Education F. Rivard; Chief Financial Officer/Deputy Director J. Lloyd; Superintendents K. Cardinal, T. Fradette, S. Gessler, L. Giocoli Clark, T. Hickey, K. Kowal, R. Martin, and T. Shircliff.

Executive Regrets: Superintendent of Learning Services, T. Fradette

Resources: Communications Consultant, D. Kunz; Board Secretary, Executive Assistant to the Director of Education and Corporate Governance Advisor, B. Cutts.

Invited Guests: GSCS Elementary School Counsellor, Jeannie Bosch. Regrets were noted from Learning Assistance Teacher, Doug Herrick.
From Saskatchewan Polytechnic: Program Head & Research Chair, Linda Martin and Recreational Therapist Student, Kaitlyn Fenske.

Attendance Notes: One trustee seat is vacant at the time of this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyko at 1:31 p.m., welcoming all during this holy week with acknowledgement of the guests and partners joining today. Trustee B Elliott was noted as present virtually as the meeting was called to order. The Chair began by acknowledging that we are on Treaty 6 Territory, traditional territories of First Nations including Cree, Dene, Nakota, Lakota, Dakota and Saulteaux—and homeland of the Métis Nation. We pay our respect to the First Nation and Métis ancestors of this place, and we reaffirm our relationship with one another in the spirit of Reconciliation.

The opening prayer was led by Trustee S. Zakreski-Werbicki

Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Trustees K. Day and M. Christopher, that the agenda be approved as circulated.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

- The Chair called for any declaration of conflict of interest based on the materials provided for this meeting. No conflicts of interest were noted.

Approval of Minutes

- Chair called for the motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2026, meeting. The motion was moved and seconded and opened for discussion. Hearing none, the minutes of the March 2, 2026 regular meeting were approved as circulated.

Motion: Moved by Trustees Fortosky and Jelinski, that the minutes of the Regular meeting of March 2, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

Consent Items

- No consent agenda items were included with the March 30, 2026 meeting materials.
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Discussion/Decision

6.1 Collaborative Partnership: Saskatchewan Polytechnic Therapeutic Recreation Program

- The Chair called for Superintendent of Learning Services, Tammy Shircliff, to lead the presentation and review of materials provided. For the past 15 years, Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools has cultivated a high-impact partnership with the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Therapeutic Recreation Program. This collaboration has evolved from a traditional practicum placement model into a sophisticated, research-driven integrated service delivery model.
- Invited guest presenters GSCS Elementary School Counsellor, Jeannie Bosch and Saskatchewan Polytechnic: Program Head and Research Chair, Linda Martin and Recreational Therapist Student, Kaitlyn Fenske contributed to the presentation.
- The presentation highlighted targeted therapeutic interventions to build student internal capacity and functional independence in the four critical domains of emotional regulation, social development, adaptive activity, and sensory readiness.
- Upon conclusion of the presentation, trustee questions were asked and answers were provided around the process of how students are selected for the program; wait times to get in; and duration of length students remain within the program.
- Trustees applauded the work of the program, remarking on the importance of this long standing partnership, both for the students and teachers who also benefit.

Motion: Moved by Trustees that the Board of Education received the information as presented highlighting the partnership between the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Recreational Therapy Program and Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

6.2 Approval of the Name for the New Holmwood High School

- The Chair called for Superintendent T. Hickey and R. Martin to present on the approval agenda item for the naming of the new Holmwood Catholic high school.
- A review of the consultative process, methodology and timeline was provided, which included committee composition and community engagement. The focused discernment of the committee was noted, including the importance of our Catholic identity as considered throughout this naming process. Thanks was given to the committee as this will prove to be a milestone in our GSCS history.
- Following the presentation and reporting, no comments or questions were noted from the trustees.

Motion: Moved by Trustees M. Christopher and K. Day that the Board of Education approve the official name as St. Pier Giorgio Frasatti for the new high school currently in the design and construction phase in the Holmwood area of the City of Saskatoon.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

6.3 Financial Statements

- The Chair called for Deputy Director / Chief Financial Officer, J. Lloyd to provide a review of the materials for the accounts paid and the financial statements.
- Highlights of the reporting noted the decrease in international student revenue, with explanations provided and the anticipated impacts to transportation due to rise in fuel prices. Noted overall is that we are trending at a good position.
- Following the reporting, no comments or questions were noted from the trustees.

Motion: Moved by Trustees that the Board of Education approves the accounts paid for the periods January 1, 2026 to January 31, 2026 and February 1, 2026 to February 28, 2026, and receive the financial statements for the period ended February 28, 2026.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

6.4 Relocatable Classrooms Tender Awards

- The Chair called for Superintendent of Facility Services, R. Martin, to provide a review of the materials for the relocatable classroom tender awards.
- The review noted that in March 2026, our school division issued four Request for Tenders. Details were provided on the range of responses received and thanks were given to our partnerships involved in this process. Highlighted was the impacts of a full year of tariffs and the tight labour market, as well as the demands on contractors at this time which has caused higher tender pricing than expected.
- Following the reporting, no comments or questions were noted from the trustees.

Motion: Moved by Trustees B. Elliott and K. Day that the Board of Education receive the information presented in the report and award the tenders as follows:

Tender #1 to Con- Tech General Contractors for the tendered price of:

- Holy Cross High School - \$2,423,999 plus PST and GST

AND

Tender #2 to KIM Constructors Ltd for the tendered price of:

- St. Joseph High School - \$2,660,000 plus PST and GST

AND

Tender #3 to Westridge Construction Ltd. for the tendered price of:

- Bethlehem High School - \$1,689,100 plus PST and GST

AND

Tender #4 to Westridge Construction Ltd. for the tendered price of

- Father Robinson School - \$712,300 plus PST and GST

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

6.5 2026 Education Property Tax Mill Rate

- The Chair called for Deputy Director / Chief Financial Officer, J. Lloyd to provide a review of the materials regarding the 2026 education property tax mill rate.
- With reference to the bylaw enacted in 2018, which requires an annual resolution prior to May 1st of each taxation year, the 2026 provincial mill rates for each property class were noted, including that the provincial government announced on March 18, 2026, that the education property tax mill rate would not change for 2026.
- Following the reporting, no comments or questions were noted from the trustees.

Motion: Moved by Trustees F. Possberg and S. Zakreski-Werbicki that the Board of Education for St Paul's R.C.S.S.D. No. 20 pass a resolution exercising its constitutional right to levy education property tax and set education property tax mill rates, and in doing so the aforementioned school division hereby sets education property tax mill rates as follows:

By adopting the potential provincial education property tax mill rates as set by the Lieutenant Governor in Council for the 2026 taxation year.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

6.6 Student Transportation Services

- The Chair called for Deputy Director / Chief Financial Officer, J. Lloyd to provide a review of the report on student transportation services. The report highlighted that Saskatoon Public Schools (SPSD) and Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools jointly posted a request for proposal, as a negotiated process for these services, which include 154 routes over a six-year term with options to extend.
- The responses received are reviewed and ranked by an evaluation committee using a set criterion, which resulted in the recommendation put before the board for approval.
- Also highlighted was that through the negotiations clauses have been updated regarding the age of the buses and the fuel surcharge. In addition there will now be cameras in each bus. Operationally, a process will be implemented in alignment with our access to information requirements regarding this camera footage.
- Following the reporting, no comments or questions were noted from the trustees.

Motion: Moved by Trustees K. Day and M. Christopher that the Board of Education award the contract for the provision of Student Transportation Services to FirstCanada ULC for a term of six years with the option to extend for four years, based on the results of the evaluation process.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

6.7 Transportation Monitoring Report

- The Chair called for Deputy Director / Chief Financial Officer, J. Lloyd to provide a review of the transportation monitoring report.
- Our school division offers transportation services to 6,740 students daily. Rural students who attend a GSCS school in the town of Biggar, and the cities of Humboldt, Warman, and Martensville are jointly transported with the public-school divisions in each of the respective areas. The summary provided highlighted the transportation statistics as of February 28, 2026.
- Trustees discussed the length of ride times and asked further questions on the other transportation services provided for those schools who serve students from around the city with language programs. Utilizing these alternative transports was confirmed as providing a reduction of drive times particularly when there are few students to be transported from one location or area to a school.

Motion: Moved by Trustees M. Christopher and T. Jelinski that the Board of Education approve the Transportation Monitoring Report as presented.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

6.8 Vendor Hosted Website Solution for K-12 Education

- The Chair called for Deputy Director / Chief Financial Officer, J. Lloyd to provide a review of the vendor hosted website solution for K-12 education. The reporting reviewed the request for proposal and process of evaluation of the proposals received. An explanation of the criteria and evaluation ranking was noted. Resulting from the process was administrations recommendation to continue with our current provider.
- Upon conclusion of the reporting the Chair noted appreciation for this review and confirmation of the continuation of services.

Motion: Moved by Trustees O. Fortosky and B. Elliott that the Board of Education award the contract for the Vendor-Hosted Public Facing Website Solution for K-12 Education to Concept Interactive Inc. for the estimated amount of \$207,000 plus applicable taxes.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

6.9 Nitōhtem Partnership Signing

- The Chair called for Superintendent of Learning Services, K. Cardinal, to present on the plans for the nitōhtem partnership signing with Wanuskewin. The report confirmed that the partnership agreement, as approved earlier this academic year for signing, has been designed to be signed together on Earth Day with the significance of the day and location provided. Students will be included to ground the partnership in a real way. Details and a rationale were provided on the schools selected to take part.
- Trustee questions focused on the revisions made to the agreement since the previous signing and discussions explained the process for the development and provision of the agreement to the board.

Motion: Moved by Trustees S. Zakreski-Werbicki and M. Christopher that the Board receives the plans for the signing of the revised nitōhtem Memorandum of Understanding between Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools and Wanuskewin Heritage Park Authority.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

6.10 Holmwood Joint Use High School Pile Load Testing

- The Chair called for Superintendent of Facility Services, R. Martin, to provide the Holmwood joint use high school pile load testing report review.
- The partnership for this joint request for proposal was noted along with an overview of the rationale for the process and budget allocation for the project. Details on the importance of pile load testing were included and risk mitigations. Based on having this test completed, the actual data is used in the design which provides an overall benefit.
- Trustees asked for further information regarding the number of test holes and the overall geotechnical survey undertaken. Confidence was provided that the testing and survey would flag any concerns with the site.

Motion: Moved by Trustees F. Possberg and T. Jelinski that the Board of Education award the contract for the pile load testing for the Holmwood Joint Use High Schools to Keller Foundations Ltd. for the contract price of \$294,040.00.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

6.11 Approval of the 2026-2027 Board Priorities & Goals

- The Chair spoke to the process for the review and approval of the board priorities and goals as a yearly requirement. The priorities and goals coming forward for approval are resulting from the work completed at the March 6th strategic working retreat of the board. Upon approval, the process steps to be completed by administration were reviewed.
- The Chair noted the good work of the board, applauding the good foundation which the board builds upon annually to ensure continual improvement.

Motion: Moved by Trustees B. Elliott and M. Christopher that the Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 board priorities and goals.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention

CARRIED

UNANIMOUS

7.0 Correspondence

7.1 Expressions of Gratitude – none.

7.2 Reading File – none.

8.0 Reports and Good News

8.1 Report of the Director of Education

- The report provided and presented by the director of education, F. Rivard, included highlights from events since the previous board meeting report. These included the GSCS Feast and Round Dance, hosted by awâsisak kâ-nîmîhtocik St. Francis School; the Byzantine Leadership and Zealous Evangelization (BLAZE) conference for high schools; the Saskatoon Police Services diversity breakfast; the Byelection meet and greet of the trustee candidates; and the Order of Gabriel Dumont silver medal investiture event, whereat partner Shirley Isbister, President of CUMFI (Central Urban Métis Federation Inc.), received the Order of Gabriel Dumont Silver Medal.
- Trustees reflected on the events they personally attended as well, sharing the good work witnessed through our partnerships and events.

8.6 Committee/Partnership Reports

- The Chair called for the reports from our committees and partnerships, for those committees who have met since the previous reporting period.

- Joint Operations – Trustees F. Possberg and T. Jelinski:
 - The next meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2026.
- Together in Faith and Action – Trustees S. Zakreski-Werbicki and M. Christopher
 - No report at this time as the meeting occurs this week.
- Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools Foundation – Trustees B. Elliott and T. Jelinski
 - The Annual Report of the Foundation has been distributed electronically. Fellow trustees were encouraged to review this annual report and to continue to help as the Foundation seeks sponsor and donor contributions.
- māmawohkamātowin Partnership (Saskatoon Tribal Council) – Chair D. Boyko and Trustees T. Jelinski and M. Raney
 - Next meeting scheduled for March is pending rescheduling due to schedule conflicts.
- nākatēyimitowin Educational Partnership (CUMFI) – Chair D. Boyko and Trustees K. Day and S. Zakreski-Werbicki
 - The meeting was held March 3, 2026. The trustees noted with appreciation the good work of St. Michael School principal S. Cole and Métis education program lead S. LaMontagne for the leadership and support of Métis education and the preservation of the Michif language.
- Division Committee on Reconciliation and Healing – Chair D. Boyko and Trustee K. Day
 - Trustees reported on the important work being done with this committee on the drafted anti-racism policy. Remarks included that this is needed for the whole school division and does not belong to one desk, as there is a need to focus on accountability by all.
 - The director reiterated the importance of this work, and that from a provincial level we do not have a policy like this at any of our Catholic schools. Other school divisions will be learning along with us. Anti-racism applies to many cultures, and as the work continues, we will work with the board, critical friends and other school divisions in western Canada as well. This has a large teaching piece for not only students but adults as well.
- Columbus Bosco Saskatoon – Trustee O. Fortosky
 - Trustees were reminded of the core programs of Columbus Bosco Saskatoon, being not only the Farm School Program, but also the Parent and Tot programs.
 - The Annual Joe Kammermayer fundraiser dinner is taking place on April 23, 2026; all are encouraged to attend or donate a cake to the annual cake auction.
- Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) – Trustee B. Elliott
 - The updates noted the request for quarterly meetings with the SSBA executive, which will bring multiple school divisions together at select locations. Trustees discussed this meeting format and plans to attend.

➤ Other Trustee Event Reporting:

- Trustee M. Christopher noted attendance at the St. Mark Science Fair, commenting on the need to have a better process or platform access to receive school-based event information. Discussions reviewed potential options, such as school newsletters (which not every school has).
- Chair D. Boyko noted a positive email received regarding the fence build at St. Mary's Wellness and Education Centre.
- Trustees and executive council shared some experiences volunteering at the St. Mary's warm up shelter, noting the shelter closure for the season as the current funding does not keep this shelter open year-round. The shelter will open again in Fall 2026.

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- *Public attendee, W. Stus, departed from the public gallery at 2:58 p.m.*
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9.0 Committee of the Whole

Motion: Moved by Trustee Tim Jelinski that the Board move into committee at 12:01 p.m.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention **CARRIED** **UNANIMOUS**

Motion: Moved by Trustee S. Zakreski that the Board move out of committee at 1:28 p.m.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention **CARRIED** **UNANIMOUS**

10.0 Closing Prayer

- Closing prayer was provided by Trustee S. Zakreski-Werbicki.
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11.0 Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Trustee F. Possberg that the meeting be adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

All in favour/none opposed/no abstention **CARRIED** **UNANIMOUS**



Secretary



Chair
